

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-217-WS - ORDER NO. 2013-306

MAY 16, 2013

IN RE: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service)	ORDER APPROVING
)	PASS-THROUGH RATES
)	AFTER NOTICE TO
)	CUSTOMERS
)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (“USSC” or the “Company”) to pass bulk water charges to its customers in the Dutchman Shores and Raintree Acres/Dutch Village Subdivisions in Richland and Lexington Counties. According to USSC, this pass-through is necessary because the City of Columbia increased its bulk water charges to USSC beginning on May 1, 2013.

Pass-through charges are billed to the Company’s customers without mark-up and are allowed by USSC’s rate schedule approved by Order No. 2006-22 (January 1, 2006) in this Docket. Under Order No. 2006-22, the Company is required to follow the procedures set forth by Order No. 2002-285 (April 18, 2002) in Docket No. 2001-164-WS for increases in the amount of purchased bulk water pass-through charges. These procedures, found on page 9 of the tariff attached to Order No. 2002-285, obligate the Company to furnish the Commission with proof of the basis for the adjustment and billing method at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed billing date. In addition, the

procedures also obligate the Company to furnish customers with thirty (30) days prior written notice of a purchased water adjustment, which advises them of the basis for the billing adjustment and its effective date.

We have examined the proposed bulk water pass-through increases, and hold that the new proposed bulk water pass-through rates will become effective after the expiration of thirty (30) days notice to the customers in the named Subdivisions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the bulk water pass-through rates in question are approved and will become effective after the expiration of thirty (30) days notice to the customers in the named Subdivisions.

2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


David A. Wright, Chairman

ATTEST:


Randy Mitchell, Vice Chairman

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